

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Ichiro YAMASHITA

Confirmation Number: 6930

Serial No.: 10/644,774

Group Art Unit: 1653

Filed: August 21, 2003

Examiner: (Unknown)

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING COBALT-PROTEIN COMPLEX

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	8	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	3	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented				\$0.00	
		Fee for extension of time			\$0.00
		Total of Above Calculations			\$0.00

Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: